

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus ~~replaceably~~ containing a plurality of replaceable components; comprising:

a non-volatile memory for storing a total print copy number updated each time a prescribed number of print copies are made, and a subsequent replacement schedule of copy number for each component; and

A. a controller for judging the lifespan of each component on the basis of a comparison between said total print copy number and said subsequent replacement schedule copy number of each component.

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when one of the components is replaced, the subsequent replacement schedule copy number for said component as stored in said non-volatile memory is updated to a value obtained by adding a lifespan copy number previously determined for said component to the total print copy number at the time of replacement.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus ~~replaceably~~ containing a plurality of replaceable components; comprising:

a non-volatile memory for storing a total printing time updated each time a prescribed printing time period has elapsed, and a subsequent replacement schedule time period for each component; and

a controller for judging the lifespan of each component on the basis of a comparison between said total printing time and said subsequent replacement schedule time period of each component.

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Claim 4 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, when one of the components is replaced, the subsequent replacement schedule time period for said component as stored in said non-volatile memory is updated to a value obtained by adding a lifespan time period previously determined for said component to the total printing time at the time of replacement.

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said component is a print unit, a toner cartridge, a fixing unit, or a belt.

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said component is a print unit, a toner cartridge, a fixing unit, or a belt.

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